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INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY

News Letters From Many Sections.

CORRESPONDENTS GIVE LOCAL NEWS

Happenings of Interest to Many People all over the County and to Those Who Have Left the Family Hearthstone and gone to Other States.

Rabun, Jan. 1.—Christmas passed off very quietly in this community, but think everybody enjoyed themselves at home eating turkey, cranberries and cake.

The people are very busy moving to their new homes since the holidays.

Mr. George Pitts of Laurens spent several days last week with Mr. Sloan Mahon.

Miss Mary Smith, of Waterloo, after spending one week with Mrs. G. W. Babb, returned to her home Monday.

Miss Weeks, after spending one week with her parents in Aiken returned to her school yesterday morning.

Miss Jennie Coleman and brother, Mr. Frank, of Woodruff, spent several days last week, with relatives and friends.

Mrs. H. H. Mahon and daughters, Misses Marie and Lizzie visited Mr. John Wolff and family of Shiloh community Monday.

Mr. George Babb of Hendersonville, spent Monday night with Houston Babb.

Mr. W. D. Owens and mother, were the visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Wright Martin of Eden section Wednesday.

Mr. Laurens Mahon spent Saturday night with Mr. Nesbitt Mahon.

Mr. Paul Willis and family of Shiloh community spent one of the Christmas holidays with Mrs. M. C. Abercrombie.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wasson and little Nellie of Friendship section visited the home of Mrs. R. A. Owens Wednesday.

Mrs. Walter Nash of Greenville spent last week in this and Eden sections visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. Artlar Taylor of Laurens spent at week with Mr. Frank Medlock and family.

Wishing the editor a happy New Year.

Jones, Jan. 1.—Brewerton Lodge A. F. M. at its last meeting conferred four degrees, one in the E. A. and three M. M. degrees. The lodge was called from labor to refreshment and the members and visitors partook of a sumptuous spread. The following officers were elected: W. T. Putnam, W. M.; W. T. Jones, Jr., J. W.; B. L. Henderson, Treas.; W. S. Knight, Sec.; L. D. Ellidge, S. D.; W. D. Mitchell, J. D.; J. D. Graham, Steward; Jas. Gray, Steward; F. B. Boland, Tiler; Dr. J. D. Martin, Chaplain.

Mr. Dendy of Laurens is having a large number of cross ties delivered at Ware Shoals.

We recently met our friend, Mr. W. A. Baldwin of Laurens.

Mr. Jas. McEulrot and sister spent the holidays in the north.

Mr. W. M. Bagwell of Belton visited his son at Ware Shoals last week.

Misses Olivia, Mary, Lillian and Belle Jones spent the holidays at home.

Mrs. E. E. Martin, of Strolber, and Mrs. G. W. Jenkins and Master William Jones of Florence are visiting their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Jones.

Messrs. Abner Golden and Clifton Robertson of Augusta, spent the holidays with relatives.

We are indebted to Messrs. J. W. Vannadore, W. H. Hughes, Grover Hill, Sam Turner and Edward Cooper, for recent kind favors.

Mr. J. M. Oulla and family visited Mr. S. E. Richey last Thursday.

Misses Lillian, Belle, and Lala Jones entertained quite a number of their friends Wednesday evening.

Mr. Ernest Mattison of Atlanta, spent the holidays with his parents, Judge and Mrs. B. F. Mattison.

Mrs. Wm. Henry Moore and Mrs. Wilnot Smith were the recent guests of Mrs. Dr. Jones.

Christmas passed off very quietly, good order prevailed and every one did what they could to promote each others happiness.

Quite a number of young people en-

A PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR COUNTY BANKS

In Spite of the Depression from the Low Price of Cotton the Banks are Declaring Usual Dividends.

The past year has been a very prosperous one with the banks of Laurens county. Although the price of cotton has been very depressing along all lines of business, the banks have pegged steadily along and at the end of the year are able to show a comfortable margin of profit. Several banks in the county, which have not been running so long, did not declare dividends at this time but placed their earnings in the surplus column. Most of them, however, turned part of the profits into dividends. The Bank of Cross Hill could not be reached over the telephone yesterday, but it is its usual custom to declare a dividend at this time of the year and it is taken for granted that it did.

The Enterprise Bank paid a semi annual dividend of 3½ per cent on \$100,000.

The people's Loan and Exchange Bank paid an 8 per cent semi annual dividend on \$100,000.

The Bank of Laurens paid a 4 per cent semi annual dividend on \$50,000.

The Palmetto Bank paid a 4 per cent semi annual dividend on \$50,000.

The First National Bank of Clinton paid a 4 per cent semi annual dividend on \$50,000.

The Commercial Bank of Clinton paid a 4 per cent semi annual dividend on \$35,000.

The Bank of Gray Court paid a 3½ per cent semi annual dividend on \$25,000.

The Laurens Trust Company paid a semi annual dividend of 4 per cent on its capital stock.

SOME NOT DOING DUTY.

No Says a Report as to the Rural Police, and This is the Reason for Adverse Criticisms.

Following up the story carried in The Advertiser last week to the effect that an attempt would be made to do away with the rural police of this county, a representative made further inquiries as to their work.

Although no names were mentioned, it was stated that some dissatisfaction has been found with the work of some of the police. While the work of a part of them has been very well done, others of the force have shirked their duty. Whether this is the reason that objections will be raised to them in the Legislature is not known. It is supposed, however, that this will be one of the grounds.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Knights of Pythias Elect Officers for the Coming Year.

The annual election of officers of Laurens Lodge No. 43 Knights of Pythias, was held in the lodge rooms Monday night. The following were elected:

C. H. Gasque, C. C.,
C. A. Power, Vice C.,
J. D. Owens, Prelate,
Dick Owens, M. of W.,
Thomas Downey, K. of R. & S.,
J. F. Tolbert, M. of F.,
W. B. Sloan, M. E.,
J. Lee Langston, M. at A.

Claims Accidental.

Further particulars as to the homicide near Clinton Christmas in which Dan Johnson killed Arthur McCoy, go to show that Dan Johnson will have a pretty hard time proving that the killing was accidental as he claims. According to the story of the eye witnesses and others who were familiar with the case, it seems that the two had been at outs before. At this gathering, following a little row at a turkey shooting, John brandished his gun and, swinging it in a circle, pointed it towards the whole crowd. As the barrel reached Arthur McCoy it exploded and Arthur was killed. According to Dan Johnson, however, he dropped the gun as he was turning around and when it struck the ground it exploded, the load hitting Arthur McCoy. Dan Johnson is now in jail awaiting trial. He is about fifty-five or sixty years of age.

joyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. John Beeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Williams of Ekum visited relatives here during the holidays.

Mr. Henry Beeks has returned to Washington, D. C.

SEMINOLE RECEIVERS RECOMMEND NO PARDON

For the Present It Seems that Messrs. Garlington and Young Will Have to Serve out Sentences Imposed by the Court.

Some time ago Governor Blease addressed letters to the receivers and trustees of the defunct Seminole Securities Company, asking them to give any reasons, of any they had, why Messrs. Garlington and Young should or should not be pardoned on the first of January. From the tone of this letter a great many people got the impression that Gov. Blease had about made up his mind to extend clemency to the young men. However, Frank G. Tompkins, chairman of the Board of Receivers, made reply Friday to Governor Blease's letter, setting forth extensively a history of the case tending to show that the two Laurens men were guilty of the charges against them. Following the publication of this letter, Gov. Blease gave out an interview at Newberry in which he stated that with his present knowledge of the case he would not pardon them. However, he intimated that, if Garlington and Young would make known certain parts of the history of the Seminole Company which they have not yet divulged, he would consider the case again.

Mr. W. A. Clark, one of the trustees, also sent a letter to Gov. Blease, but in it he did not express any opinion as to whether the two men should be punished or not. The only thing that he had to say in the letter was that he was connected with the Seminole Company only as a trustee and that he had no connection with the deal for which Garlington and Young were convicted.

MRS. J. Y. BENJAMIN.

Died at the County Hospital Monday Morning After an Illness Following a very Severe Operation.

Mrs. J. Y. Benjamin, of Mountville, died at the County Hospital early Monday morning after an operation for a cancerous growth. This is only the second case that has been lost at the hospital since its opening, the record being one to be proud of. Over fifty operations have been made since the hospital was opened to the public.

The remains of Mrs. Benjamin were carried to Beaver Dam church, where they were interred yesterday. A large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives followed the body to its last resting place.

Mrs. Benjamin was the wife of Mr. J. Y. Benjamin, of the Mountville section. Before her marriage she was a Miss May, daughter of Mr. John May, who lives in the Holly Grove section. She is survived by her devoted husband and twelve children, four of whom are married.

WILL NOT ENTER THE RACE.

Wm. N. Graydon Announces He is Not in Field.

To the Editor of The State:
Please allow me to announce through your columns, that I have decided not to offer for the position of judge of the eighth circuit at the approaching session of the general assembly. I had thought that I would be a candidate for the place, but after mature consideration, I have reached the conclusion that I could not afford to give up my practice to hold the office of circuit judge. The salary attached to the office, \$3,000, is so small, that viewed from my standpoint, only a rich man can afford to hold it. I thank my many friends, both in and out of the legislature, for their kind offers of support, but I do not think I could afford to hold the office at the present time, and will therefore not offer for the place.

Wm. N. Graydon.
Abbeville, Dec. 30.

Magistrate's Office Moved.

Magistrate W. T. Crews has rented the old Masonic Hall, in the Barksdale building, and will use it as the magistrate's court room. This is a large spacious room and admirably fitted for the needs. The office is in the same building as the present office of the Sheriff.

Family Reunion.

Miss Sallie Dorroh and Mr. George Dorroh entertained their nieces and nephews at dinner in Gray Court Thursday. About twenty-five were present and a very happy day was spent together.

NEWS AND NOTES IN AND ABOUT CLINTON

Past Year has Seen Much Building and Many Improvements in Every Line—Enjoyable Pythian Banquet.

Clinton, Jan. 2.—The year just ended has seen a wonderful growth and development in the town of Clinton. The Phillips building, J. I. Copeland and Brother's building, the Bee Hive, Copeland-Stone's two new store buildings, Mr. R. Z. Wright's four new store rooms, Paul Moore's and Lillie-wood's stores, all have been added to the business section. Besides these new plate glass fronts and display windows, basement departments and so on have been put in several stores. Work is going forward on the sewerage system. A large number of handsome residences have been erected in the past year at prices from two to ten thousand dollars. Among the builders are Mr. W. H. Shands, Mr. J. R. Copeland, Mrs. Myrtle Hunter, Mrs. E. C. Briggs, Mr. Butler Boyd, Mr. E. G. Fuller, Capt. J. W. Copeland, Mr. C. C. Bailey, Hervey Rantin, all of whom have pretty modern homes. The graded school has been improved greatly by the addition of a wing on the north side and an auditorium capable of seating the patrons of the school and others interested at public exercises. The cotton seed oil company of which Dr. H. L. Todd is president and manager has greatly enlarged its scope by the construction of a fertilizer mixing plant.

Although the roads about Clinton do not tempt automobilists very strongly yet several handsome cars have been purchased. Among the owners are Messrs. W. E. Nash, A. B. Henry, R. Z. Wright, W. J. Bailey.

Wedding Bells.

Rumor says that between the 25th of December and the 15th of January Clinton is to have at least one dozen weddings. The beginning indicates a possibility of the accuracy of the report. Last Monday at the hotel Miss Willie Farris and Mr. Etheridge of Catawba Junction were married, the Rev. J. E. Mahaffey performing the ceremony.

On December 25 at Lydia, Miss Lizzie King was married to Claude W. Taylor, Rev. J. E. Mahaffey performing the ceremony.

On Wednesday evening Miss Maud Chandler was married at the residence of her parents to Hubert Knight of this county, the Rev. J. E. Mahaffey performing the ceremony.

At 11 a. m. Thursday morning at the residence of Rev. Dr. Jacobs, Miss Lillie Mae Counts was married to Charles Algood of Augusta, Dr. Jacobs performing the ceremony. Both are former pupils of the Thornwell orphanage. Immediately following the ceremony they departed for their home where Mr. Algood is employed on the Augusta Chronicle.

On Wednesday at 11 a. m. Miss May Sowers was married at the home of her father to James Leaman, the Rev. W. P. Jacobs performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Leaman went to Cross Hill for a short visit to the groom's parents, and on returning will be at home to their friends in their own home here.

At 5 o'clock on Wednesday evening Miss Lydia Henry was married at the residence of her mother, Mrs. B. M. Henry, to William Dillard, the Rev. Dr. Jacobs performing the ceremony. Both bride and groom are widely connected and a large gathering of relatives and intimate friends were present at the ceremony. They will for a time make their home with Mr. Dillard's parents. Mr. Dillard is a member of the firm of Dillard & Dillard, one of the leading establishments of Clinton.

One of the great events of the year was the seventh year-end banquet given by the Knights of Pythias Lodge 84 on Thursday evening. More than one hundred guests enjoyed the affair, which was well-planned and carried out. The decorations of the hall were in red and green and the long tables were placed in the shape of the Greek letter Pi. Mounds of fruit glistening punch bowls set in wreaths of holly, and rows of unshaded candles made the tables brilliant.

The menu was as follows:
Grape Fruit
Creamed Oysters
Cold Turkey Boiled Ham
French Peas Beaten Biscuit
Celery Cranberry Sauce
Potato Chips
Waldorf Salad Wafers

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LARGE CROWD PRESENT FOR SALES DAY

One of the Largest Crowds that Laurens has Seen in Many a Salesday.

On account of the fact that Monday was a legal holiday, yesterday was salesday. One of the largest crowds that has ever attended the sales was present, the streets being crowded nearly all day. It was a noticeable fact that while a large crowd of men was in town, there were a very few ladies. It was therefore not much of a day for the retail merchants and dry goods people.

Some doubt was expressed by lawyers as to the legality of sales made yesterday so several sales were withdrawn, but others felt certain that no legal objection could be raised so some of the sales went ahead.

There were no sales by the Judge of Probate nor by the Sheriff. The following sales were made by the Clerk of Court:

In the case of Mrs. Effie M. Burns as administrator of the estate of U. C. Burns, deceased; 60 1-2 acres in tract known as Simpson place, bought by Mrs. B. C. Burns for \$975.

Palmetto Bank vs Elizabeth A. Hunter; lot in city of Laurens known as H. Nelson home place, bought by Palmetto bank for \$2,000.

Palmetto Bank vs Lillie M. Copeland; lot on Laurens street, sold to Mrs. L. C. Sitgreaves for \$550; house and lot known as Lillie M. Copeland place in city of Laurens sold to Chas. H. Hicks for \$5,505.00.

James Wilson vs Frances Young et al; 3-4 acre in town of Clinton, sold to D. E. Tribble for \$300.00.

CONFEDERATE COMMISSION.

Dr. James McIntosh Has Preserved His Commission as Assistant Surgeon.

Dr. James McIntosh, president of the Newberry Savings bank, has a valuable relic of the Confederacy, in the shape of his commission as assistant surgeon, which he has preserved since October, 1861. Dr. McIntosh enlisted in the Eighth South Carolina regiment, and went to the front, and when the time for reorganization came, he was so afraid that he would not get in the further fighting he resigned his commission from the State as assistant surgeon, and re-enlisted in his company as a private. He was then commissioned by the Confederate States government, and did valiant service for the South.

Dr. McIntosh was seen as he was preparing to send his commission to his son, Dr. James H. McIntosh, in Columbia, and acceded to the request of The Herald and News that it be allowed to publish a copy of the commission.

It is as follows:
Confederate States of America,
War Department.
Richmond, Oct. 28th, 1861.

Sir: You are hereby informed that the President has appointed you Asst. Surgeon in the Provisional Army in the service of the Confederate States. You are requested to signify your acceptance or non-acceptance of said appointment; and should you accept you will sign before a magistrate, the oath of office herewith, and forward the same with your letter of acceptance to this Department. Report for duty to So. Ca. Hospital, Charlottesville.

J. P. Benjamin,
Acting Secretary of War.
Dr. James McIntosh,
Asst. Surg'n P. A. C. S.

Following is the commission from the State of South Carolina, which Dr. McIntosh gave up when he re-enlisted as a private. It was the State commission under which he went to the front, and the Confederate States commission above came after his re-enlistment as a private:

State of South Carolina.
Headquarters Surgeon General's Department.
Charleston, May 8th, 1861.

Dr. James McIntosh is appointed Assistant Surgeon in the 8th Regiment of South Carolina Volunteers and will report himself for duty immediately to Col. Cash commanding at Camp Pee Dee.

J. J. Chisolm, M. D.,
Surg. General pro tem.

Approved:
F. W. Pickens,
9 May, 1861.

This latter commission is equally as precious as a war relic as the commission from the Confederate States government.—Newberry Herald and News.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE GOOD ROADS TRAIN

Was in Laurens Yesterday for Demonstrations.

A LARGE CROWD LISTENED TO LECTURES

The Good Roads Party is Traveling under the Direction of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and the Good Roads Department of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The Atlantic Coast Line Good Roads Train attracted quite a number of people yesterday morning, although it can be said that, considering the importance of the good roads question, more should have been present. The demonstrations began about ten o'clock, when the people present were shown through the car containing small models of improved highways. Here were shown the different kinds of roads: sand clay, macadam, brick and so on. Models were also shown for the proper construction of culverts, drains, bridges and such. On the walls were pictures showing the different stages of improved roads and illustrating the advantages of them. In some places were pictures of roads where horses had mired to their knees and where buggies and wagons had been damaged from inferior roads and then on further were shown pictures of these same roads after improvement and how much larger loads were being hauled over them. Experts from the United States Department of Agriculture were present and pointed out the methods of building these better highways and to tell the cost of them. A long line of people went through the train and listened attentively to what the experts had to say.

After the examination of the first car, the people were directed to the second car, where stereopticon views were shown and a lecture given on the many advantages to accrue from improved highways. Good roads were shown that had been bad and bad roads were shown that had been allowed to go without proper attention. It was shown that good roads are followed by good schools and that higher land values followed both. In one instance it was shown where one man held land on an unimproved highway. A bond issue was authorized and the road in front of his house improved. Some time after the road was improved, he sold off half of the land for what he had been holding the entire plot before. In addition to selling the land he built a new house and at the time the pictures were taken the part of the tract that he still held was worth what the entire tract was before and he had money in the bank. Many other instances of the advantages of road improvement were given and the lecture was very convincing to all present that good roads are not expensive but are economical.

Mr. Boykin, the lecturer, paid a good deal of attention to the split log drag and praised its usefulness very highly. However, he stated that for it to produce the best results it must be used rather often, every month or so. He stated that the home made ones, though costing less, were better than the bought ones and advised that they be made at home.

The good roads train came here from Clinton where a very enthusiastic meeting was held. From here it went to Pinewood and other stations along the lines of the A. C. L.

DYNAMITE DEMONSTRATION.

To be Given on J. J. Dendy's Farm Under the Direction of Brooks & Jones.

As will be seen by an advertisement in another column of this paper, a dynamite demonstration, under the direction of Brooks & Jones, will be given on the farm of Mr. J. J. Dendy, on the edge of the city, next Thursday, January 11th. The use of dynamite is being advertised extensively now for stump blasting and subsoiling. Demonstrations in both of these will be given at the Dendy farm. The public generally and progressive farmers especially are invited to attend the demonstrations.

Landowners and farmers are invited to come prepared to ask questions about the dynamite. Representatives of the dynamite manufacturers will be present and will be glad to answer all inquiries.